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AN ACT

1 Providing for copies of patient test results to be sent directly  
2 to patients.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Patient Test  
7 Result Information Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Diagnostic imaging services." Services that include any of  
13 the following:

14 (1) Magnetic resonance imaging.

- 1           (2)   Nuclear medicine.
- 2           (3)   Angiography.
- 3           (4)   Arteriography.
- 4           (5)   Computerized axial tomography.
- 5           (6)   Positron emission tomography.
- 6           (7)   Digital vascular imaging.
- 7           (8)   Bronchoscopy.
- 8           (9)   Lymphangiography.
- 9           (10)   Splenography.
- 10          (11)   Ultrasound.
- 11          (12)   EEG.
- 12          (13)   EKG.
- 13          (14)   Nerve conduction studies.
- 14          (15)   Evoked potentials.

15 Section 3. Test results.

16       An entity performing diagnostic imaging services with the  
17 exception of routine obstetrical ultrasounds used to monitor the  
18 development of a fetus in which no adverse medical condition is  
19 diagnosed shall send directly to the patient a written copy of  
20 the summary of the test results of diagnostic imaging services  
21 performed on the patient within ten days of sending the test  
22 results to the patient's prescribing physician. The written copy  
23 of the summary of the test results may be sent directly to the  
24 patient electronically by e-mail or facsimile.

25 Section 20. Effective date.

26       This act shall take effect in 60 days.